# scan

SHANKILL COMMUNITY AREA NEWSLETTER

JUNE '26

# Shankill/Ballybrack First Responders

## *Helping to Save Lives in Our Community*

## CONTACT scan

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** If you have any comments on any article or wish to contact us our details are:

**SCAN**
**c/o Shankill Business Centre,**
**Station House,**
**Station Road,**
**Shankill**

Tel: 086 1065264
E: scanshankill10@gmail.com
www.scanshankill.com

### DISCLAIMER

*SCAN Newsletter is produced by members of the Shankill Community who are voluntary, part-time and unpaid.*

*SCAN does not accept any responsibility for any views expressed in contributions to the newsletter. Neither does SCAN take responsibility for any service or otherwise advertised.*

*Due to space restrictions publication of all articles cannot be guaranteed.*

***Cover photo courtesy***
*Shankill & Ballybrack Community First Responders*

***Chairperson***
*Paula Gray*

***Editorial Team***
*Margaret Dromey*
*Patricia Kiersey*

***Advertising***
*Teresa Duffy*

***Company Secretary***
***Treasurer***
*Donal Quinlan*

***Distribution Team Leader***
*Lee Murphy-O'Connor*

***Creative Design & Layout***
*Fresh Brew Studios*
*dorcas@freshbrew-studios.com*

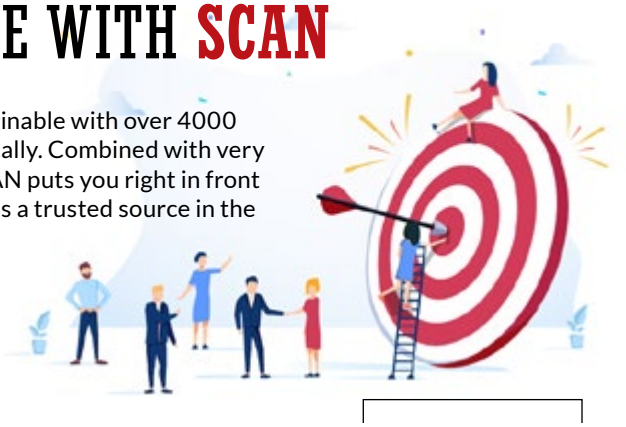
***Printer***
*Opus Print and Promotions Ltd.*

# IN THIS ISSUE...

**03** Community Bulletin
**05** Citizens Information
**07** Bethany Bereavement Support Shankill & Ballybrack CFR
**08** Shankill FC
**09** Shankill Bowling Club
**10** Shankill Tidy Towns
**12** Shankill GAA
**13** Finance Corner
**14** Local Historical Society Lectures
**15** Shankill Student Wins 2nd place Art Competition
**16** School News: St Anne's NS
**18** SAGE
**19** Aointe Fánacha Ag Tús An tSamhraidh Shankill Classical Music Club
**20** School News: Rathmichael NS
**21** Update from: Cormac Devlin TD
**22** School News: Woodbrook College
**23** Tuairisc Pobail: Barry Ward TD
**24** School News: Scoil Mhuire
**25** Ask a Councillor: Cllr. Carrie Smyth
**27** Ask a Councillor: Cllr. Jim Gildea
**28** Poetry Corner
**29** Shankill Seniors Centre
**30** Planning Notices

## PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS... ADVERTISE WITH SCAN

SCAN has the widest reach imaginable with over 4000 direct circulations per month locally. Combined with very attractive advertising rates, SCAN puts you right in front of your customers who view us as a trusted source in the community.



**ADVERTISING RATE CARD**

| BLACK & WHITE | |
|---|---|
| FULL PAGE | €295*/€200 |
| 1/2 PAGE | €110 |
| 1/4 PAGE | €60 |
| 1/6 PAGE | €45 |

| COLOUR | |
|---|---|
| FULL PAGE | €395*/€300 |
| 1/2 PAGE | €185 |
| 1/4 PAGE | €95 |
| 1/6 PAGE | €60 |

**Prepay 5 months**
**5% OFF**

**Prepay 10 months**
**10% OFF**

**Full back page placement*
***All ad rates subject to 23% VAT.***

Contact SCAN for more information at scanshankill10@gmail.com

# COMMUNITY BULLETIN

## ◆ FROM THE THE SCAN TEAM

The leisure options in Shankill are limitless. As well as updates from all the sports clubs you can read about two new clubs/ groups inviting members to join them - Shankill Cycles and Killiney/Shankill Hockey Club.

Congratulations to Maya Brennan Lawless (age 9) from St. Anne's School who came second place in her category in the Texaco Children's Art Competition. More information about Maya's achievements are in the St Anne's School's article and in a companion piece following it.

A very kind man has offered to deliver SCAN in Rathsallagh Park and Grove. ***Another helper would be very welcome as there is quite a large area to cover.*** Also we are still urgently seeking a volunteer to help with general distribution responsibilities.

Can we also remind people who live in the Shankill area and do not have a copy of SCAN delivered to their house that our new website has been up and running for the past few months. You can view a digital version of our latest issue there as well as an archive of previous issues. We only have the capacity and finances to print and distribute 4000 copies in the local area at present.

We are a small, active and busy bunch of volunteers in SCAN. We give up our free time willingly to keep the newsletter going. We are always happy to welcome new volunteers anytime. Our AGM will take place in June. You are welcome to come and meet us and get more information about what we do and how you might help us.

Details below:

**The AGM of SCAN will be held on**
**Date: Thursday 25th June.**
**Venue: St. Anne's Resource Centre, Shankill,**
**Time: 8:00 p.m.**

All are welcome to attend.

## ◆ LISTENING EAR - SUPPORT NETWORK FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED PEOPLE

The Network is open to persons of any faith and none. Meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 7.30 - 9p.m. in the Resource Centre.

You are welcome to contact **087 364 6067** or email *listeningear14@gmail.com* and a supportive compassionate person in the network will respond and together you can discuss how we can be of help to you.

Complete confidentiality is guaranteed and everyone will be warm and friendly.

## ◆ AA MEETINGS SHANKILL

Alcoholics Anonymous hosts meetings in Crinken Church Parish Hall every Monday at 8.30 p.m. and in St. Anne's Community Centre (beside St. Anne's Church) every Sunday at 8.30 pm. Doors open around 8.15 pm.

A welcome awaits you.

## ◆ BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

***St. Anne's Resource Centre, Shankill.***

If you are grieving the loss of someone special or have had a loss of any kind and would like to talk to someone, Bethany Bereavement offer free support to adults, with sympathy and compassion in confidence.

We have a drop-in service on the first Friday of each month at 10.30 am or if you prefer, we can meet with you in person. Just call the **01 282 2704** to arrange.

## ◆ SVP SHANKILL CONFERENCE

Do you need our help?
You can call us directly at **087 696 2785**. Alternately, call 01 855 0022 or go online at *www.svp.ie.*

## ◆ BOOK SALE - SHANKILL SENIORS CENTRE

The next book sale will be held on Saturday June 6th and the following one on Saturday 4th July.

**Venue:** Shankill Seniors Centre, Lower Road, Shankill. D18 HW95.
**Time:** 10am-1pm.

Donations of books in good condition are welcome on the day of sale. Due to major storage issues these are limited to one small bag per person. Your cooperation in this matter is much appreciated.

All proceeds go to support the Centre's programmes and service.

## ◆ CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Shankill Seniors Centre (SOFA), Lower Road, Shankill. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday June.

Venue: Shankill Day Care Centre, Lower Road, Shankill.
Time: 7.45 p.m.

Come along and enjoy some lovely music and a cuppa and chat.

## ◆ SHANKILL LIBRARY

**Page to Screen Bookclub: Monday 8th June 11.30am**
All welcome, no booking required. Interested in reading those stories that became more? Join our book club where we discuss some of our favourite movies and TV series and the books that inspired them. For more information contact Shankill Library at *shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie* or 01 2047224

**How to Use Online Services: Thursdays 3-4pm**
Do you need help using our online library resources? We are here to provide support through one to one, 30 minute sessions where you will get an introduction to some of our online resources including Borrowbox and Libby, available for free from your local library. All you need is a library card and PIN. Please let us know in advance what particular resources you would like help with.

## ◆ SHANKILL CYCLES

Like to be part of a road cycling community?

- 2 Cycles per month
- Sat/Sun morning
- Cycles of 30-50km in Wicklow direction
- Over 18 only
- Manual bikes only

For further details contact Jennifer on ***ShankillCycles@gmail.com***

## ◆ KILLINEY/SHANKILL HOCKEY CLUB

A new Hockey Club, Killiney/Shankill Hockey Club has been established. Dennis O Connor is its founding Chair. He is a long term Avoca member, player and outgoing Chair of Avoca now a resident of Woodbrook. Its founding Secretary, Al Robinson is a long term Avoca player, member and former Secretary and is Hockey Coordinator at Newpark Comprehensive School and Guardian Angels National School. Al is a long term resident of Shankill.

The new club is inviting boys and girls from 1st-6th class to give hockey a go on Sunday 14th June at Rathmichael School in Shankill from 12.30-1.30pm. Your child will need comfortable trainers, shin pads, a gum shield and a hockey stick; we hope to have a few sticks you can borrow if you don't have one.

Registration is essential due to the size of the pitch as we can only accommodate a certain number. Please text Al on 086 3759116. Looking forward to seeing you then!

We held a competition to design the club's logo and congratulations to Lucybelle Hedderman from 5th class in St Anne's for her design. Runners up were Keelan Dease 6th class at Scoil Mhuire and Jamie Faichney from 1st class at Rathmichael School.

## ◆ HSE ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

On the 6th May, our Dietitians, Samantha and Caroline, presented the Food Pyramid for folks over 65 years old. They demonstrated that older adults need fewer calories but higher levels of specific nutrients to manage muscle loss (sarcopenia), maintain bone health, and account for slower digestion and decreased physical activity.

1. **Increased Emphasis on Protein**
   Placing a stronger emphasis on protein-dense foods like lean meat, poultry, fish, eggs, and dairy to combat age-related muscle loss.

2. **Higher Need for Calcium and Vitamin D**
   Recommending at least 3 servings of low-fat dairy (milk, yogurt, cheese) for calcium and often advocates for Vitamin D supplementation (15 \(\mu \)g daily in Ireland) for bone health.

3. **Increased Focus on Fluids**
   Highlighting the need to drink at least 8 glasses of fluids (water, tea, milk) daily, as the sensation of thirst declines with age.

Our next session is on June 3rd and will focus on Exercise. Presented by Dr John Langan from Shankill Surgery *'Your Body Needs to Move'*.

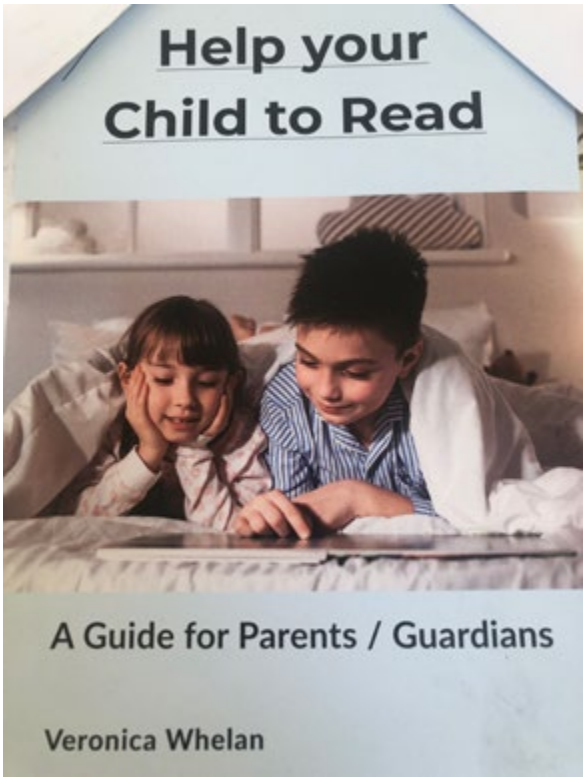
Time: 12:00 to 13:00
Location: Shankill Health Centre, Group Room, Lower Road, Shankill

## ◆ HELP YOUR CHILD TO READ

*by Veronica Whelan*

Do you wonder how your child is learning to read? Do you ask yourself what 'Phoniks' is all about? What has become of the ordinary alphabet? Then, look no further. A booklet, Help your child to read - a guide for Parents/Guardians by Veronica Whelan is aimed at interested parents and guardians.

Veronica, a primary school teacher, has written phonic workbooks for Primary Schools for over 40 years. She has Montessori and Froebel training and has run summer courses for the Department of Education in person and online.This booklet she considers "pay back time" with thanks to all those children she has been privileged to know and teach. It is available free of charge in most local Public Libraries.



Citizens Information

## MEDICAL CARD

If you have a medical card, you can get certain health services free of charge. Usually, your dependent spouse or partner and your children can also get the same range of health services for free. Your medical card is issued by the Health Service Executive (HSE).

**Who can apply for a medical card?** If you are 'ordinarily resident' in Ireland you can apply for a medical card. This means that you are living in Ireland and intend to live here for at least one year. To qualify for a medical card, your weekly income must be below a certain figure for your family size. Cash income, savings, investments and property (except for your own home) are taken into account in the means test.

**GP visit cards:** If you do not qualify for a medical card on income grounds, you may qualify for a GP visit card.

To qualify for a medical card, your weekly income must be under a certain amount. The HSE will complete a means test to check your income. Some people can qualify automatically without a means test. There are different guidelines for the means test depending on whether you are aged over or under 70. The HSE assessment of a couple for medical cards is based on the age of the older person. If your income is above the limit, you may still be able to get a medical card if your circumstances would result in financial hardship without one. This is sometimes called a discretionary medical card. The application process for the discretionary medical card is the same as for the means tested medical card, but you should also include information about your family's medical expenses in your application.

**Do you qualify without a means test?** You will still need to apply for the card and the HSE may need documentary evidence.

Who qualifies for a medical card or GP visit card without a means test?

| | Medical card | GP visit card |
|---|---|---|
| People aged over 70 | Means test | No means test |
| Children aged under 8 | Means test | No means test |
| People getting Carer's Allowance or Carer's Benefit | Means test | No means test |
| People with EU entitlement | No means test | n/a |
| Children aged under 18, diagnosed with cancer within the last 5 years | No means test | n/a |
| People seeking International Protection (asylum seekers and refugees) who get the Daily Expenses Allowance | No means test | n/a |
| People affected by the drug Thalidomide | No means test | n/a |
| Children in foster or residential care | No means test | n/a |
| Women who have had a symphysiotomy | No means test | n/a |
| Women who were resident in certain institutions | No means test | n/a |
| Children whose parents get a Domiciliary Care Allowance | No means test | n/a |

**How to apply for a medical card**
If you have any questions before you send your application, you can phone 01 864 7100 or Lo-call 0818 22 44 78, contact your local primary care centre, or email *clientregistration@hse.ie*.

**Apply online for a medical card** - You can **apply online** for a medical card and GP visit card on mymedicalcard.ie. This is the quickest method of getting the card. **Apply by post** for a medical card - you can download a medical card and GP visit card application form:

- MC1 Medical Card and GP Visit Card Application Form
- MC1(a) Medical Card and GP Visit Card Application Form - People Aged 70 Years or Older if you are aged over 70

You return the form to the Client Registration Unit, along with any documents required. If you are applying online, you can upload photos, scans or photocopies of the original documents specified on the form. You can track the progress of your medical card application on the HSE website.
***(To be continued – Source: www.citizensinformation.ie)***

*(Source: www.citizensinformation.ie)*
*The Citizens Information HELPLINE is: 0761 07 4000 - OR - Call in to the Citizens Information Centre at Marina House, Clarence Street, Dun Laoghaire at any time between 9.30 am and 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday. No appointment necessary. Clarence Street is the turning to the right at the traffic lights at the junction of Lower Georges Street, Cumberland Street and York Road, Dun Laoghaire. Citizens Information offers a Free, Confidential and Impartial Service to the citizens of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown on a very wide range of useful issues. OR Phone Dun Laoghaire CIC at: 0761 07 7400.*


**The JOY Of Singing**
for young adults to 100!

***One to one personalised singing lessons***

Let me help you learn how to sing confidently and at ease with correct vocal production, utilising:

- ***Vocal warm-ups***
- ***Correct posture and breath control***
- ***Good diction***
- ***Singing with emotion and feeling***
- ***Utilising mind techniques to help with those high notes!***
- ***Letting go and enjoying your unique singing vibe!***

**Lets Get Singing!**

■ *More info at:* **ANNE KENNY** ■ *Mobile*: **087 7741167**
■ *Email*: **anneskenny@gmail.com**

ELEVEN

WOOD BURNING GRILL

# NEWS

JUNE BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND
*DOUBLE ROAST*
SUN 31ST MAY & MON 1ST JUNE
01

*WED & THURS NIGHT SPECIAL*
24oz COTE DE BOEUF FOR TWO WITH CHOICE OF 2 SIDES
€75
02

OPENING HOURS
Wednesday (Dinner Only),
Thursday, Friday, Saturday 12-3pm / 5-10pm
Sunday Roast 1pm - 6pm
03

AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE HIRE
ANY DAY OF THE WEEK FOR GROUPS OF 25 OR MORE
04

**Bray Road, Loughlinstown, Dublin 18**
**Tel: (01) 239 3471 | info@elevendublin.ie**
**Insta: @elevendublin | www.elevendublin.ie**

COLLIERS
SINCE 1880

Serving Wicklow and South Dublin since 1880, the Collier family offers bespoke funeral services for all faiths and philosophies.

Our Service room can comfortably accommodate up to 130 people.

There is parking space for 40 cars available on-site.

A separate drawing room with a fireplace provides a comfortable room with added privacy.

Old Connaught Avenue, Bray, Co. Wicklow, A98 PX65
T: +353 1 272 0777
www.colliersfuneraldirectors.com E: info@colliersfuneraldirectors.com

KING KOIL · Sealy · ODEAREST · REST ASSURED · kaymed · RESPA · Silentnight

Comfort
SINCE 1981
BED OUTLET

All the
LEADING
BRANDS
at
OUTLET
PRICES...

Deposit secures for 8 weeks
w: bedoutlet.ie

## Tallaght Outlet
phone: 01-4940200

Opening Times
Mon - Sat (10.00am - 5.00pm)
Sun & Bank Holidays - Closed
Unit B7, South City Business Pk, Tallaght, D24

FREE PARKING

## Ballybrack Outlet
phone: 01-2720788

Opening Times
Mon - Sat (10.00am - 5.30pm) Thurs 7.30 pm
Sun - Closed (Bank Hols 2.00pm - 5.30pm)
Church Road, Ballybrack, Co. Dublin

FREE PARKING

Bethany
Bereavement Support

## Bereavement Support Groups

For some people, support groups can be an important part of their healing, not because the group will fix anything for them, but because the group helps to remind them that they are not alone in a difficult time with feelings they sometimes cannot name or even understand. Bethany Bereavement Support Group is a parish-based voluntary listening service. We offer a safe, free and a confidential space where people who are bereaved can come and talk, or just sit and be in the company of people who understand grief. We support adults only and everyone is welcome. We are not counsellors, or therapists but we are trained listeners who offer compassion and understanding.

Some years ago I began facilitating in Bethany support groups and I witnessed something really powerful. People with very different losses, partners, children, miscarriages, parents, siblings, friends, jobs, homes and even pets, found moments of understanding simply by sharing together and being honest with their story. In our group we let the bereaved talk, or allow them to just sit quietly with no pressure, or without trying to fix anything for them. In the group there is listening with respect while the bereaved say a loved one's name and share their memories. We journey with the bereaved and support them as they try to come to terms with their feelings of loss.

I have learnt that grief groups are not a one size fits all. Some people find them helpful, some try and then decide they are not for them, and some are not ready to attend them, and that's ok. We have people who may attend groups for some time as they journey through their grief. We all have different needs. Initially in a group we are all strangers, but grief does not care, it breaks boundaries, it gets us to listen to each other and respect each other. You may catch a moment of sadness in someone's story and it is like our hearts speak in a secret language that only grief understands. I have noticed how grief bridges our differences and lets us show up for each other in unexpected ways.

Sometimes in a group it can just be a reminder that we are not alone. Groups can connect people in the most unexpected way. You might find yourself listening to someone's story about a spouse, a parent or a child and in that moment, you feel a connection. I believe there is real honesty and comfort in that connection. I have seen friendships formed out of groups where people connect and share an understanding and then support each other.

In our Bethany groups the compassion I see within them touches my heart. Seeing strangers become companions and friends reminds me that connection and healing are possible and so important, even during the hardest days. I truly believe that as hard as it is, sharing our grief is one of the ways we move through it. It can feel safer to keep it all inside, but in my own experience, the moment where I allowed myself to share what I was carrying was the moment where something began to shift. Letting grief have a voice instead of keeping it locked inside is therapeutic . Sharing it either with a person you trust, or in a group is often what helps you take those steps forward and can make our grief a little less heavy... and a little less lonely.

*Ann Hunt, Bethany Bereavement Support Group*
*St Anne's Parish Shankill.* ***01 2822704***

Shankill & Ballybrack
Community First Responders
*Registered Charity Number: 20200526*

Shankill Ballybrack Community First Responders is delighted to have installed more publicly accessible AEDs across our community, helping to make lifesaving equipment available when every second counts.

New AED locations now include Loughlinstown Pitch &Putt, Lewis Motors Cabinteely, and the AED at Project Fitness Carrickmines which was fundraised in memory of Michael Mooney — a wonderful tribute that could help save lives in the future. We strongly encourage all businesses, sports clubs and community groups with an AED to ensure their device is registered with the HSE. Registered AEDs can be quickly identified by emergency services during a cardiac arrest, helping bystanders identify the nearest device faster.

Our CFR volunteers check and maintain their installed AEDs weekly to ensure they are always rescue-ready. Replacement pads, batteries and other essential supplies all come at a cost, so if you would like to support the ongoing maintenance of these lifesaving devices, please visit our website ***www.shankillcfr.ie*** to donate.

We also run public and private CPR & AED training courses, helping more people gain the confidence to act in an emergency.

Keep an eye on our social media pages for updates or contact us at ***info@shankillcfr.ie***.

CONTACT US TODAY FOR YOUR FREE COSULTATION
NEW LOOK PAVING
Delivering our clients professional premium work for over 3 decades. Our team at New Look Paving thrive on delivering excellence and quality in every aspect of our industry.
SPECIALISTS IN:
• DRIVEWAYS
• PATIOS
• BRICK PAVING
• SANDSTONE
• GRANITE
• PLASTERING
• TIMBER DECKING
• POWER WASHING
• WALLS & PILLARS
• FENCING
• ROLL OUT LAWN
• SYNTHETIC LAWNS
• WHEELCHAIR RAMPS
• COLOURED GRAVEL
• COMPOSITE DECKING
• RESIN BOUND AGGRETIVE
• PORSOLIN PAVING
Scan Me
Come preview our amazing works and projects from all our satisfied clients.
CALL US + (353) 86 877 8728
WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU

SHANKILL FC
CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2026
IN MEMORY OF BERTIE MESSITT
BOYS ONLY BORN 2011 TO 2014
GIRLS ONLY BORN 2011 TO 2014
MIXED BOYS & GIRLS 2015 TO 2022
MONDAY 6TH JULY TO SUNDAY 19TH JULY
IN SHANGANAGH PARK
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
@WWW.SHANKILLFC.IE
PROUDLY SPONSORED BY
Brady's of Shankill

Registration for our Champions League Tournament is now almost full. Open to boys & girls born in 2011 to 2022 including a dedicated girls section for girls born in 2011 to 2014. Also a discounted price for Academy children, both members and non members for boys & girls born in 2020 to 2022. Demand is at an all time high this year after last year's huge success, where over 600 players competed for Champions League glory. Late booking fee of €15 per person applies to registrations made after 31st May. We look forward to welcoming you all for this year's tournament. To secure your child's place visit www.shankillfc.ie or scan the QR Code.

Check out our Summer Camps. Don't delay, Register Today for our two Shamrock Rovers Summer Camps and our Coerver Coaching Summer Camp.

Shamrock Rovers Summer Camps:
Registration Link: https://form.fillout.com/t/cjiE3vnC8eus.

Coerver Coaching Summer Camp:
Registration Link: **https://coerver-coaching-leinster.classforkids.io/camp/685**

SHANKILL FC STRICTLY COME DANCING
An unforgettable End of Season night with the Shankill FC community!
📍 Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel
📅 Friday, 6th June 2026
⏰ Doors 6:30PM | Starts 7:30PM
🎟️ Tickets €35 — Almost Sold Out!
Enjoy a fantastic evening of dancing, entertainment, & music as Shankill FC takes on "Strictly Come Dancing" in style. Proudly supported by Core Credit Union, Adibel Construction, Lee Nevin Heating & Plumbing Services, Shankill Financial Services, Borough Taxi Dublin, The Igo Inn, The Graduate, Daniel Wales Painting & Decorating, Conway Locksmiths and many more.
Scan the QR code on the poster to donate and support Shankill FC.

A huge well done to our U11.2 Sunday team as they did extremely well at the Blackpool Cup recently. Even Irish legend Steve Staunton was very impressed with the lads and asked for a picture.

Massive congratulations to our U15.2 Saturday team who are League Champions. An incredible group of players, the coaches, Aaron Brack, Stephen Coakley and John Byrne and all the parents who have worked unbelievably hard all season. Well done on this huge achievement.

Congratulations to former Shankill FC player Robbie Dale, who recently signed for Bohemians LOI U14 Academy team. Robbie spent over 5 years in Shankill. From everyone at the club, we wish Robbie all the best.

## SHANKILL BOWLING CLUB

*by Jack Byrne, P.R.O*

The beginning of summer time is a bowling club's busiest time with the start of the ILB leagues and National championship. Our Inter Club competitions give everyone within the club the opportunity to pit their skill against the club's best and through the handicap system most clubs produce wonderful surprises. It is also the time for new members to get to know each other through social bowling such as club roll-ups and get-togethers.

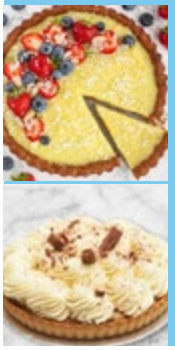
The National ILB championship also commences. This is where every club's best bowlers compete nationally right through until September when a Finals weekend decides the winners in all competitions.

There has been lots of excitement recently with an entirely new look introduced via very attractive club attire to be worn by members when representing Shankill Bowling Club. The new design is the brain child of a review committee, consisting of members of both sexes. The design follows the current trend of modernizing the style throughout the sport and can be said to be a success by the majority of club members.

We are always ready to extend a warm welcome to any person interested in taking up the really wonderful sport of lawn bowling. You can email shankillbowlingclub.ie, phone no 01 2823488 or drop by our club house anytime during opening times 9.30 am to 5 pm on most weekdays and weekends. Leave your phone number and we will be in touch. Joining our club is a perfect way to meet people and keep fit.

BAKELICIOUS
ARTISAN
BAKEHOUSE
**BAKING FRESH DAILY**

- Handmade Pastries & Tarts
- Sourdough & Homemade Brown Breads
- Fresh Cream Cakes & Loaf Cakes
- Barista Coffee / Smoothies / Iced Coffees
- Celebration Cakes Made To Order
- Branded Cupcakes & Cookies
- Corporate & Catering Orders



**OPENING HOURS**
8:30am – 4pm (Mon - Sat)
8:30am – 1pm (Sun)

**CONTACT US**
BBQ Centre, Old Bray Road, Shankill
t: (01) 282 2000 e: info@bakelicious.ie
www.bakelicious.ie

## Shankill Tidy Towns 2026

It's that time of year again, when Shankill submits its entry to the SuperValu TidyTowns. Here are some of the photographs included in the submission which hopefully capture some of the beauty that abounds throughout Shankill. Enjoy some of this beauty by clicking on the QR code below to obtain a map of the Shankill Tree Trail.

SuperValu TidyTowns

Stonebridge Wood on Stonebridge Road

Poles apart!

Shankill Woodlands

Holly Park, Rathsallagh Park and Corbawn Drive

St Anne's Parish Resource Centre

Shanganagh Cliffs

Shankill Tree Trail
Slí na Seanchoille

# ONYR
insurance services ltd

# For ALL your insurance claims needs

**FIRE | THEFT | STORM | WATER DAMAGE**

**ESCAPE OF OIL | SUBSIDENCE | BUSINESS INTERRUPTION**

## CALL US TODAY!

## 087 614 8328

**VISIT: ONYR.IE**

# CLG na Seanchille

**Féile Football Champions**
The prestigious Féile Football Championship for the under 15's came around once again and we entered a well-prepared team. After topping their group our boys returned to represent Shankill at the Féile Finals Day on the 12th April in Lusk the home of the Round Towers GAA Club. In the morning semi-final, they took on a very strong Whitehall Colmcille team. Playing some great football, they prevailed on a scoreline of 6.07 to 4.06. They then went into the final against a very talented St Patricks Donabate team. While St Patricks lead throughout the match our boys with true Shankill grit and courage were always in the game. However, with only three minutes of play left on the clock, the following happened. An inspirational pass from team captain Daragh Bootman to super sub Ben Mythen saw him sprint clear of defenders and smash the ball to the back of the net and Shankill were in the lead by 3.08 to 4.03. The last couple of minutes was played at a blistering pace but the boys defended our goal as if their very lives depended on it and we held on to become Féile Champions. We are so proud of these boys who have been with the club from their Academy days, also proud of coaches Wayne and Darren. The team is a credit to their Coaches, Parents, Club and our Village for their commitment and the spirit that they showed to win the Féile Cup which was no easy achievement. Well done everyone.

**Academy**
Our brilliant Academy sponsored by ONYR.ie is in Rathmichael School from 10.00am to 11.00am every Saturday morning. Qualified coaches are always in attendance and all equipment is provided. The first several weeks are free of charge as the boys and girls have fun, learn new skills and make new friends. Just drop in any Saturday and "say hello" you are very welcome.

**Shankill GAA Club Golf Classic**
**Woodbrook Golf Course Thursday 27th August.**
**Calling all golfers and corporates booking a golf team or sponsoring a hole. Contact Wayne +353 86 3836382.**

**Congrats Holly**
Well done to Holly who was selected to play in the recent under 14 Camogie Dublin V Wexford game. The match was played at the fantastic Sports Campus Ireland complex. Holly had a brilliant match and also added to the Dublin score line. Great work Holly.

**FODHC Award**
The club were delighted to win the Friends of Dublin Hurling & Camogie Award for the month of May. We won the award for our promotion of Hurling and Camogie in Shankill and surrounding districts. The organising judges took into consideration the number of both boys and girls in the club playing the games, also the construction of the skills wall and the formation of our adult men's hurling team. A club team AWARD well deserved everyone.

**New Players and Volunteers Welcome**
Without volunteers we could not run the club and new players from juvenile to adult are always very welcome. Having already played, perhaps you would like to return to playing or simply to become involved in helping out our club. If you are new to our village, we and would like to join us you will find that a great sprit "we are family" thrives in the club. For further information on the Shankill GAA Family contact Steve 087 6414123.

**JACKPOT €6000**
@ 10/5/2026

**Club Lotto Online**
**Scan the QR Code**

# FINANCE CORNER

*by Shankill Financial Services*

***Do you know if your pension is on track to meet your needs in retirement?***

The "New Retirement Reality Report," conducted by Amárach Research, surveyed 1,200 employees and 500 employers across the public, private and not-for-profit sectors. One of the report's most striking findings is that 74% of respondents say they are good at managing their current finances, yet 79% say they do not feel financially prepared for retirement.

The research suggests that Ireland's retirement challenge is no longer simply about encouraging people to join pension schemes. Instead, the bigger issue is understanding. Almost half of those surveyed admitted they do not understand retirement planning, while more than one-third said they do not fully understand how their pension scheme works.

Many workers focus on the value of their pension "pot" rather than the level of income it will provide after they stop working. Confidence appears to decline further as workers approach retirement age. Among people aged between 55 and 64, only 10% believe they are financially prepared for retirement. Many employees also expect to work longer than originally planned, with most predicting retirement closer to 65 rather than their preferred age of 60. Some even expect to continue working into their 70s.

The findings have significant implications for employers as well as employees. Only 31% of employers believe their workforce is financially ready to retire, raising concerns around workforce planning, succession and employee wellbeing. Financial stress among older workers may also affect productivity and retention.

One of the clearest issues highlighted in the report is lack of understanding. Many people do not fully understand pensions, retirement income, or how much money they will realistically need later in life.

If this sounds like you, here are some practical steps to consider:

1. The research shows many workers regret not starting earlier. Encouraging people to begin retirement planning in their 20s and 30s could significantly improve outcomes. Even small pension contributions made early can grow substantially over time because of compound interest and favourable tax incentives.
2. Speak to an independent financial adviser - sometimes one informed conversation can help people take meaningful action.
3. Many people now expect to work longer or part-time during retirement. Consider a phased retirement approach.

Ireland's new auto-enrolment pension system should improve retirement outcomes by increasing participation and regular saving among workers who currently have no pension coverage.

However, participation alone will not solve the issue unless workers also understand:

- how much they need,
- what lifestyle they want in retirement,
- and how their savings translate into future income.

Ultimately, helping people prepare for retirement is not only about money, but also about giving individuals confidence, security and greater control over their future. It is important to talk to a financial broker for clarification or reassurance in relation to your own pension.

# HISTORY: LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY LECTURES

*by James Scannell*

**CLONTARF HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
Joseph Brady will present *'The Killester Garden Suburb - A unique urban development'* at 7.30 p.m. in The Resource Centre, St John the Baptist Church, Clontarf Road Clontarf, Dublin 3. All are welcome –admission for non-members €5.

## SHANKILL – LOOKING BACK

**A WEALTHY WOMAN**
In May 1926 it was announced that the Hon. Mrs. Mary H. Augusta Carter of 'Clifton', Shankill, who died the previous September, left property valued at £6122.

## PUBLICATION

'History Ireland' magazine, May/June 2026, Editor Tommy Graham, published by Wordwell Ltd. Articles featured in the latest issue of this excellent magazine include – 'From the Editor' by Tommy Graham, 'The first Irish Celt – Tadgh Ó Neachtain (d. circa 1752)' by Patrick Wadden, 'The Royal Dublin Society and the Legacies of Empire Project, 1731-1877' by Rachel Scally, 'Remember Mullaghmast – grievance history and the south Kildare monster meeting' by Cora Crampton, 'Fools of fortune – Stanislaus Joyce's wartime travails' by Isadore Ryan, 'The School of Irish Learning (1903-26)' by Angus Mitchell, 'The Cairo Gang – ending the confusion' by Joseph McKenna, 'Corpus Christi in Cork' by Antóin O'Shea, 'Fianna Fáil and the local press in Kerry, 1926-33' by Owen O'Shea, 'Conor Cruise O'Brien and the National Day of Commemoration and Reconciliation, 1974' by Maurice Hartigan.

In 'History in the News' Marie Bourke looks at 'Rembrandt to Matisse – A Celebration of European Works on Paper', 'Frongoch Revisited' is covered by Damien McClennan, 'On this Day; by Aodhán Crealey, and 'Bite-Sized History' by Donal Fallon' Eoin Dillon discussed 'Ireland and empire', Damian Murphy looks at 'The Tower of Lloyd, Kells, Co. Kildare' and Fiona Fitzsimons 'Surveillance in 1860s Ireland – case abstracts and Fenian photos', Lar Joye discusses the 'London Irish Rifles' uniform while Brian Casey recalls 'Glasnevin Cemetery and the Anti-Early Burials Committee, 1852.' Clare Ryan in Local Archives looks at the surviving records of 'Clayton Woollen Mill, Navan, Co. Meath', while Joseph E. A. Connell jr reminds us Fianna Fáil was founded in 1926.

Review features include 'Film Watch', 'See on Tv', 'Museum Eye', 'Bookworm', 'The Big Book', and 'Book Reviews.' Copies of this excellent history magazine are now on sale at various outlets but a good way to ensure never missing an issue is to take out a subscription to it – a subscription also makes an excellent gift for those interested in Irish history at home or overseas - please write to History Ireland, Suite 5, 'Hub 17', 17 Corrig Road, Sandyford Business Park, Dublin 18, D18 N6K8, log onto www.historyireland.com, call 01-2933568 or email: *carol@wordwell.ie*.

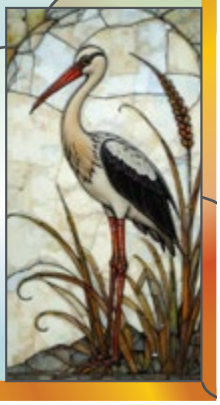
**Stephen McGovern** *Trading as*
**C&S PLUMBING**
**ESTABLISHED IN THIS AREA FOR 20 YEARS**

- System Upgrades
- Energy Saving Measures
- Plumbing and Heating Installation
- Maintenance & Repair
- Complete Bathroom Service Available
- Rainwater Harvesting
- RGII Registered

**STEPHEN McGOVERN**
Mobile:086 251 0803
Office: 01 282 0559
Email: **stephen-mcgovern@hotmail.com**

Crinken Glass & Glazing
for a professional glass service
**JOHN DEMPSEY • 087 258 5454**
Local Craftsman Glazier
*(fully qualified with over 45 years experience)*
Tel: 01 272 0982 • Shankill, Co. Dublin

**SERVICES:**
★ Key Cutting Service ★
- Door Locks (supplied & fitted)
- Glass & Glazing
- Mirrors (made to measure)
- Tabletops & Glass Shelving
- Double Glazing & Safety Glass
- Stained Glass (traditional & overlay)



## SHANKILL STUDENT WINS 2ND PLACE IN TEXACO CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION

A talented young student from Shankill has been recognised for her artwork at a national level in one of Ireland's most well-known art competitions.

Maya Brennan Lawless (age 9), a pupil at St. Anne's National School in Shankill, has been awarded 2nd place in Category D of the 72nd Texaco Children's Art Competition.

Out of nearly 7,000 entries in her age category (9-11), Maya's 2nd place award is a remarkable achievement. It follows her Special Merit Award in 2025, marking a clear progression in her artistic work.

Maya's entry, a detailed pencil portrait titled 'My Grandfather' focuses on realism and attention to detail—particularly in the eyes and facial expression.

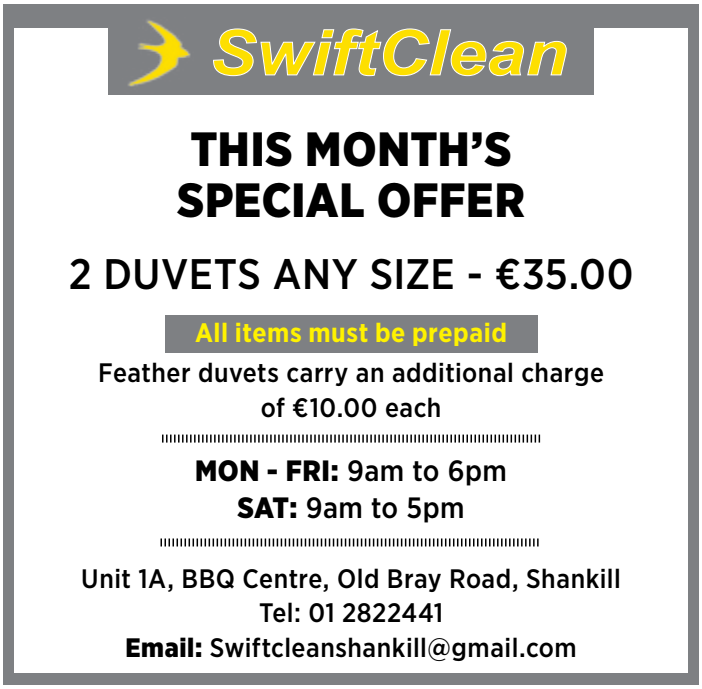
Pauline O' Connell, Final Adjudicator and Chairperson of the judging panel- Irish visual artist, curator and educator- described Maya's artwork as a "highly accomplished pencil portrait, the three-quarter view, gentle shading, and careful use of charcoal capture a quiet, reflective presence with particular attention paid to texture and expressions."

Maya has loved drawing from a very young age and is especially interested in portrait work. She is thrilled with winning 2nd place, which comes with a prize of €200. With back-to-back recognition at national level, she is already emerging as a young artist to watch.

Maya's success has brought great pride to her family and school community.

*Maya with her grandfather, James Lawless*

all MOTORS
T | 01 2823655 M | 087 2923690
The Barbeque Centre, Shankill, Dublin 18
OVER 25 YEARS EXPERIENCE
TYRE SALES & PUNCTURE REPAIRS
Servicing All Makes of Vehicles
NCT Checks & Diagnostics
Valets & Body Repairs
VERY COMPETITIVE PRICES
Email | paul@allmotors.ie
Website | www.allmotors.ie


SwiftClean
THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL OFFER
2 DUVETS ANY SIZE - €35.00
All items must be prepaid
Feather duvets carry an additional charge of €10.00 each
MON - FRI: 9am to 6pm
SAT: 9am to 5pm
Unit 1A, BBQ Centre, Old Bray Road, Shankill
Tel: 01 2822441
Email: Swiftcleanshankill@gmail.com

# SCHOOL NEWS: ST ANNE'S NS

**Congratulations to our Second Classes who recently celebrated their Holy Communion.**

## Maya - *by Robyn Wardell*

This year, Ms Olson encouraged and supported pupils in entering the Texaco Art Competition. Pupils created many different types of artwork including paintings, drawings and pencil sketches. Maya created a fantastic pencil drawing of her grandad, which earned her 2nd place in her age category. Her artwork is now on display in a gallery in Kildare.

I had the chance to interview Maya about her drawing.

***What inspired you to draw your grandad?***
I love my grandad and he has a really good face for drawing. I drew him last year and I wanted to see how I improved.

***Was it easy or hard ?***
It was both easy and hard.

***How did it feel to come 2nd?***
It made me feel happy, excited and proud.

***How does it feel to know your art work is in an art gallery?***
It makes me feel happy and proud of myself.

***How did you do the drawing?***
I got a pencil and sharpened it and used some of the dust to blend it .

***What is your favorite type of art to do?***
I think I am best at pencil drawing.

***Did your grandad pose for the drawing or did you draw him from a picture to inspire you?***
I printed out a picture and drew it from that.

***How long did it take you to do the whole picture?***
It took me 3 weeks to do the picture.

***Why did you choose to do a pencil drawing?***
I chose a pencil drawing because I didn't want the viewers to be distracted by the colours and to look at the detail.

## STEM Projects - *by Crina Danaila*

This year, we were very busy creating STEM projects in school. We explored lots of different themes and ideas throughout the year. Here is an insight into some of the fantastic projects pupils worked on.

We interviewed Hazel from Ms O'Caoimh's First Class about her STEM project.

***What did you make for your STEM project?***

"We made mazes powered by magnets where you have to move a character to the finish line."

***What did you learn from your STEM project?***
"I learned that magnets can attract metal objects and make them move."

***What design did you use for your maze?***
"I used a bunny design where the bunny had to go through the hutch and get to the end."

***How did you make the maze?***
"First, I drew a bunny. Then I cut it out and taped it onto a paper clip. I placed it on top of a plate and used a magnet underneath to help the bunny move."

***Did you have fun?***
"Yes, I had lots of fun!"

Next, we interviewed Varadhan from Ms Kett's Third Class.

***What did you make for your STEM project?***
"We made water gauges to learn about the water cycle."

***Did you work together in groups?***
"Yes, Mrs Kett split us into groups of four, but our group had six people."
***What materials did you use?***
"We used plastic water bottles, stones and a little bit of water."

***How did you make the water gauge?***
"First, we cut the top off the bottle. Then we turned it upside down and placed it into the bottle. After that, we added some water and stones and drew a measurement scale on the side."

***Did you enjoy making it?***
"Yes, I did!"

We interviewed some pupils from Ms Elmes' class about their projects.

***What did you make for your projects?***
***Oscar:*** "I made a Bronze Age boat."
***Thomas:*** "I made a Bronze Age hut."
***Oisín:*** "I made an axe."
***Kayla:*** "My friend and I made a small village."

***What materials did you use?***
***Oscar:*** "I used firewood and a saw."
***Thomas:*** "I used mud, fake grass, glue and string."
***Oisín:*** "I used a rock, a stick and string."
***Kayla:*** "We used cardboard, rocks, hay and plastic bottles."

***How did you make your projects?***
***Oscar:*** "I used firewood and hollowed it out with a saw to make a floating boat."
***Thomas:*** "I put dirt into a bucket to shape it, then added fake grass on top."
***Oisín:*** "I tied the rock and stick together using string."
***Kayla:*** "We used cardboard, rocks, plastic bottles and hay to create huts and a small village."

Finally, we interviewed Freddy, representing his group from Mr Higgins' class.
***What did your group make for the STEM project?***
"We made motte-and-bailey castles."

***What materials did you use?***
"We used cardboard, hot glue, lollipop sticks, plastic bottles and coloured paper."

***How did you make the motte?***
"For the hill, we cut plastic bottles and covered them with green coloured paper."

It was wonderful to see so many creative and imaginative STEM projects throughout the school this year. Everyone learned new skills while also having lots of fun!

◆ **Girls' School Football** - *by Molly Dodd, Ms O'Connor's 5th Class*

This year, girls from 4th, 5th and 6th class who wanted to take part in school football came together to form a team. Every Monday after school, the girls trained at Stonebridge Astro from 2:30–3:30pm.

Throughout the season, we played lots of matches, including a cup match. Although we were unfortunately knocked out of the cup, we still had many more games to look forward to. We travelled to matches by bus and also took part in league games against other schools, winning some and losing some.
After each match, I felt that we improved and became stronger as a team for the next game.

Our coach, Mr Allen, puts a huge amount of hard work into training and supporting us. We would like to thank him for everything he does for the team.

◆ **Rugby Blitz** - by Daniel Baynes, 5th Class

On the 27th of April 2026, 5th and 6th class pupils from seven schools took part in a rugby blitz at Seapoint Rugby Club. The schools taking part were St Anne's, Harold Boys, Harold School, Johnstown Girls, Johnstown Boys, Gaelscoil and Loreto Dalkey.

The blitz began at 11:00am. Each team played four matches, with every match lasting 15 minutes. The games were played 7-a-side and the event lasted for roughly two hours, finishing between 12:45pm and 1:00pm. This meant that teams were playing almost every second game. I was there myself and, overall, I thought the blitz was very well organised and great fun. I really enjoyed taking part.

◆ **Swimming**

Our school is very proud of Ava in 5th class. Ava has been selected to compete with the National Para Swimming Development Squad at the UK National Junior Para-Swimming Championships in Coventry in June. This is a fantastic achievement and testament of her hard work and dedication.
She will be one of 7 athletes travelling to the UK for the competition.

We wish her the best of luck and we are not surprised by this amazing achievement.

## SAGE

*by Patrick Davey*

Anyone who has been following recent UN annual global climate change meetings or Conference of the Parties (COP), as they are usually called will have become very disappointed because progress has been almost completely blocked by fossil fuel exporting countries and the major users of them. This frustration reached a head at the last meeting when it had been hoped that some significant progress would be made but nothing meaningful was agreed. There will be a COP 31 but in the meantime a number of countries set up a 'Coalition of the Willing' to discuss and act on "Transitioning Away from Fossil Fuels" in a bid to stop and attempt to reverse climate change.

This meeting held recently in Santa Marta, Colombia and co-chaired by Columbia and the Netherlands has laid the foundations for action. Another meeting will be held next spring in Tuvalu, a southern Pacific island at serious risk from major sea level rises. The meeting will be co-chaired by Tuvalu and Ireland. Let us hope that this will encourage Ireland to act much more decisively on our own Climate Change responses which have become exceedingly weak since the last election.

Most of us will be well aware that renewables have been having a hard time in the US with a very determined effort by Trump not only to stop any further development or roll-out but even to close down almost completed offshore wind farms at a time when the US electricity supply is under extreme pressure. However it seems economics are winning out and renewables are still expanding at a time when coal production is continuing to shrink.


CK

PLUMBING & HEATING SERVICES

KEITH: 086 827 5500
HOME: 282 3568

ALL HEATING SYSTEMS

BATHROOM SUITES
Power Showers
Shower Trays
Suite Replacements

MISCELLANEOUS
Attic Tanks
Cylinders
Outside Taps
Shower Pumps

QUINN'S ROAD, SHANKILL

Greenify your life
Apply now!
Call 01 272 5600
Click www.corecu.ie
Call into our 8 Locations
Greenify your home and your journey
Loans up to €75,000.
Interest Rate 5.5% (APR 5.6%) Variable
Upgrade your car and home's energy efficiency
Warning: If you do not meet the repayments on your holiday Loan your account will go into arrears. This may affect your credit report, which may limit your ability to access credit, a hire-purchase agreement, a consumer-hire agreement or a buy now – pay later agreement in the future.
Greenify CREDIT UNION FINANCE
CORE CREDIT UNION
Visit corecu.ie/greenify-loans to learn more.
Loans are subject to approval. Lending Terms and conditions apply. Core Credit Union Ltd. is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland Reg No. 225 CU. E&OE.

# AOINTE FÁNACHA AG TÚS AN TSAMHRAIDH

*Áine Ní Dhufaigh*

"Slán leat, a Aibreáin bhraonaigh, A mhí bhog úr."
Bhuel, seo mí Bealtaine agus tá mé amuigh "ag caitheamh seal liom féinig, ag déanamh mo smaointe" i bPáirc Sheangánaí anseo sa Seanchill. Maidin Domhnaigh atá ann agus níl sé ach a sé a chlog ar maidin. Ní h-aon ionadh é nach bhfuil duine ná deoraí sa pháirc ach mé féin.

Nach iontach mar a léimeann na cuimhní ó rud amháin go rud eile nuair atá tú leat féin! Feicim brat breá féir ghlais amach romham, é breaca, ballach le nóiníní agus le caisearbháin. Cúpla bliain ó shin ní bheadh fiailí ar bith anseo, ach an féar á ghearradh gach lá agus boladh an fhéir nuabhearrtha san aer. Anois de bharr ár gcúram do chaomhnú na timpeallachta, tá cead a gcinn ag na "fiailí" áille seo.

I'm shuí anseo anois tá mé óg arís. Tá mé arais sa bhaile i gCondae Mhaigh Eo. Tá mé féin agus mo dheirfiúracha in ár suí ar an bhfaiche ag déanamh slabhra álainn, slabhra buí agus bán, déanta de nóiníní. Bog ar aghaidh anois. Tá mé beagán níos sine. Roimh dul ar scoil táim ag bailiú nóiníní, sabhaircíní, cam an ime agus cloigíní gorma le cur ar altóir na Bealtaine sa seomra ranga. Nach mór an t-athrú atá tagtha ar an saol inniu. Níl aon chaint faoi'n Mhaighdean Mhuire sa sochaí anois, sochaí shaolta atá fuarchúiseach faoi chreideamh. Anois tá mé ag crónán dom féin, ag canadh an amhráin "Nóiníní" ó Chantairí Óga Átha Cliath. Bhí an t-amhrán sin ag mo iníon, ag mo gharpháistí, agus anois tá sé ag iníon mo gharmhic ar scoil.

Ar aghaidh liom go dtí an droichead. Tá na neantóga óga go flúirseach anseo. Ritheann cuimhní eile liom anois. Ba chineál feirmeoir éanlaithe í, máthair mo chéile. Thógadh sí turcaithe do mhargadh na Nollag agus thugadh sí neantóga bruite dóibh. Mheascadh sí uibheacha scrofa leis na neantóga i mbia na dturcach. Thagadh bean uasal, 'Poultry Instructress', chuici chun comhairle a thabhairt di. Dochtúir na gCearc an leas ainm a bhí acu uirthi. D' fhéadfainn féin cur isteach ar an ngairm sin nuair a bhí mé ar scoil. In Institiúd na Mumhan i gCorcaigh a bhí an coláiste tréanála. Níl fhios agam an bhfuil sé fós ann.

Ar aghaidh liom anois. Tá mé féin agus mo chéile ag siúl timpeall na páirce seo. Nach minic a thagaimís, muid beirt agus an madra. Thaithin spás agus saoirse na páirce go mór le Trixie. Bhí sé an-mhór le madra beag lúfar eile, agus bhídís lán sásta ag spraoi le chéile i gclós na madra.

B'iontach go deo an suim agus an t-eolas a bhí ag mo chéile ar an dúlra. Shuímís agus d'éistimís leis na héin. D'aithin sé gach éan agus d'aithin sé ceol gach uile éin. D'fhéadfadh sé réamhaisnéis na haimsire a dhéanamh amach ó shuíomh agus ó phort an éin. Tá seisean imithe le deich mbliana anois ach maireann na cuimhní a d'fhág sé. Ceol na n-éan sna flaithis, go gcloise sé. Seo mé ag crónán arís, "An Londubh is an Chéirseach" a chanann Seamus ó Beaglaoch.

An geimhreadh thart agus an samhradh romhainn. Go mbeirimid beo ag an am seo arís!

***Gluais:*** Breá ballach / completely speckled with: fuarchúiseach / apathetic, indifferent: feirmeoir éanlaithe / poultry farmer: réamhaisnéis na haimsire / weather forecast: sabhaircín / primrose: caisearbhán / dandelion.

Buaileann muid le chéile gach Aoine i dTeach Tábhairne Uí Bhrádaigh ag 11 a chlog. Tá fáilte romhat.

# SHANKILL CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB

*by Malcolm Fitzell*

## FOR THE RECORDS: REDISCOVERING THE DELIGHTS OF VINYL

There is something quietly magical about listening to music on vinyl. The gentle lowering of the needle, the faint surface hiss, the sense of occasion invite a deeper kind of listening. That atmosphere was very much at the heart of our recent evening, *For the Records*, presented by John Ashworth on Wednesday 8th April.

The evening opened with the powerful *Finale* of Johannes Brahms' Piano Quintet in F minor, in a classic recording by Sviatoslav Richter with the Borodin Quartet. The mood then changed to the sweeping lyricism of Sergei Rachmaninoff's Second Symphony (2nd movement) with the Philadelphia Orchestra under Eugene Ormandy.

A change of scale followed with Alexander Scriabin's Polonaise in B-flat minor, played by the pianist Michael Ponti—one of those artists whose vast recording legacy rewards rediscovery. Then a piece by an Irish composer: *In Ireland – Fantasy for flute, harp and orchestra* by Hamilton Harty with the Ulster Orchestra conducted by Bryden Thomson who was also principal conductor of the RTE Symphony Orchestra in the 1980s.

*Sir Herbert Hamilton Harty*
*1879 - 1941*

The programme continued with Joseph Canteloube's Bailero, an arrangement of a traditional folk song from the Auvergne region of France sung by Kiri Te Kanawa, and then to opera - Gaetano Donizetti's sparkling duet from *Don Pasquale*.

There was also a nod to the history of recording itself: Joseph Haydn's Symphony No. 99, performed by Sir Thomas Beecham and the London Philharmonic Orchestra, recorded around 1936. That sense of continuity carried into Franz Schubert's "Trout" Quintet and George Frideric Handel's *Ombra mai fu*, here in a classic interpretation by Beniamino Gigli.

The lighter side of the repertoire was not neglected. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *Six German Dances* brought elegance and wit, while Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto—performed by Michael Rabin.

Fittingly, the evening ended on a more informal note with the traditional *Raggle-Taggle Gypsy*, performed by the RTÉ Concert Orchestra under Proinnsias Ó Duinn.

*The Shankill Classical Music Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at 7:45pm in Shankill Seniors Centre, Lower Road, Shankill, D18 HW95. All with an interest in good music are most welcome.*

# **SCHOOL NEWS:** RATHMICHAEL NS

Here's hoping that the sun continues to shine as we look forward to lots of outdoor activities this term. Our Football team played two games in April. They played a League match against Our Lady's Grove NS on 21st April and drew 2-2. They played a tough Cup match against a very strong Monkstown Educate Together team on 28th April and despite a spirited performance, were beaten 7-3.

My thanks to the PTA Committee for all its hard work in organising the very successful Table Quiz on Friday 24th April. All those who attended really enjoyed themselves. The questions were a mixture of the challenging and fun – particular thanks to Laura and Patrick. Congratulations to the winning team and to the raffle winners – thanks to all those who supplied the raffle prizes.

Cycle Training for 6th Class concluded on Wednesday 29th April with on-road sessions for the pupils. This highly successful training gave the children huge confidence in their cycling ability and important insights into cycling safety. Also on Wednesday 29th April Lucy from Artzone, came into school to conduct workshops with the two Infant classes. The children really enjoyed creating artistic pieces with her.

Craig from Composting Ireland came into school on 7th May to install our Wormery. Our Green School Committee helped him and he was very impressed with their knowledge and commitment to the environment. Children from other classes were able to hold the worms and learn about their habitat. The Wormery is now in situ so all the classes may take an active interest in our new school mates!

6th Class have once again been taking part in the European Movement Ireland Blue Star Flag Programme, submitting projects on European countries and hosting a European Food Day on 8th May. The Blue Star Programme teaches primary school pupils about European cultures, diversity and the EU through creative activities and projects which complement the national primary curriculum. The aim of the Programme is to foster better knowledge and understanding of the EU and how it affects our lives, among Irish primary pupils through fun, creative classroom projects and activities. We were delighted to welcome Barry Andrews, MEP, to the school to talk to the children and to view the work that they had undertaken.

On 12th June we will be hosting a celebration of 200 years of Rathmichael School and this promises to be an exciting event where we reflect on the past and look forward to the future. All parish members and past pupils may follow us on Instagram ***@rathmichaelschool*** and we look forward to welcoming familiar faces back to school on the day.

**Naomi Rousseau** *(Principal)*

# **UPDATE FROM:** CORMAC DEVLIN, TD

I hope you are all keeping well and enjoying the long evenings and the start of summer. It has been a busy period in the Dáil and locally, and I want to take this opportunity to update you on some of the issues I have been working on across the constituency and in Leinster House.

Preparations for the next Budget are well underway. I have made the case to the Minister for Finance for a strong tax package, as I did last year, alongside a meaningful cost-of-living package for households and families.

Energy costs, housing affordability, and supports for older people are among the priorities I have been pushing. I would welcome any feedback you have on spending priorities ahead of Budget day.

### ◆ 1926 CENSUS RECORDS RELEASED

One hundred years on, the records of the 1926 Census, the first ever carried out by the new state, have been made available to the public for the first time. It's a remarkable milestone, and I'd encourage anyone with an interest in their family history or in the story of modern Ireland to take a look.

The full census is now freely available and searchable at ***www.nationalarchives.ie***. With over 750,000 household returns digitised and transcribed, it's an extraordinary window into life in Ireland just a decade after the Easter Rising, covering everything from family composition and language to occupation and religion.

To mark the release, the National Archives has opened a major exhibition, *The Story of Us*, at Dublin Castle, running until August 2027. A book, documentary series, and podcast are also available for those who want to explore further, and it's entirely free to access.

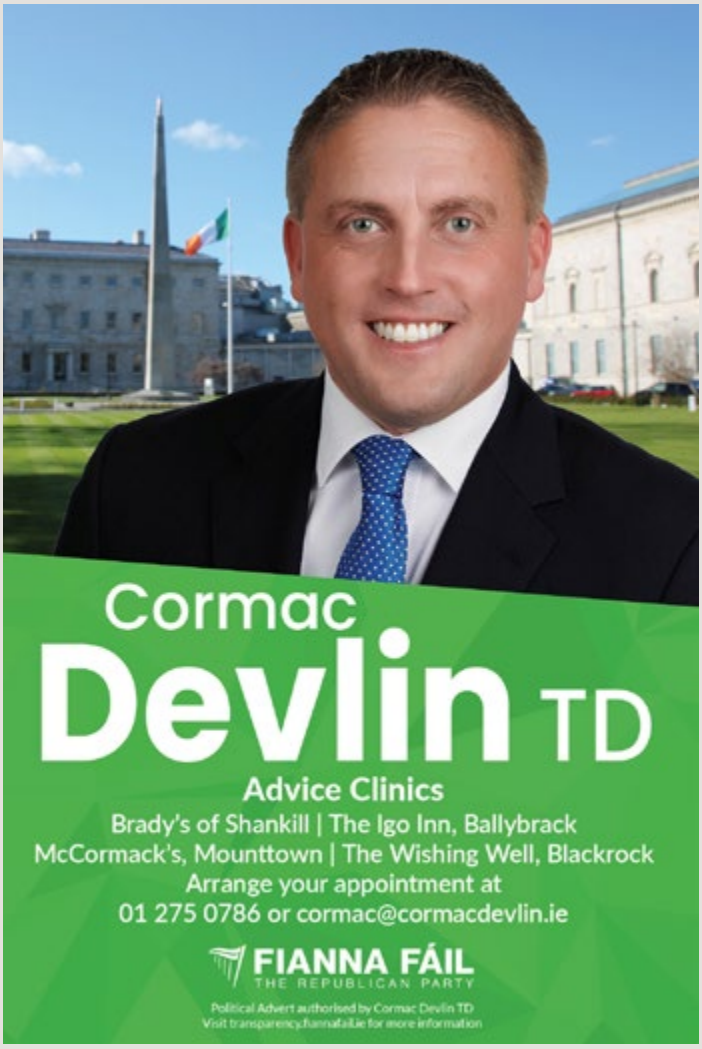
### ◆ NEW TRAVEL SUPPORT FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

I warmly welcome Minister Calleary's announcement of a new Domestic Violence Travel Supplement, in effect from 5th May. For anyone fleeing a dangerous situation at home, practical barriers like the cost of travel should never stand in the way of safety, and this measure goes a real way towards removing that obstacle. The supplement is available without a means test for the first three months and can be accessed through your local Community Welfare Officer. If you or someone you know needs help accessing this support, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

### ◆ MAJOR WATER INVESTMENT FOR DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN

Uisce Éireann's investment in local water and wastewater infrastructure has grown significantly, from €3.7 million between 2014 and 2019, to €46.1 million in the 2020 to 2024 period.

A further €40.2 million is planned for 2025 to 2029, with projects including upgrades to the Shanganagh wastewater network, improvements at Cherrywood, and extensions serving Kilternan and Glenamuck. I will continue to engage to ensure DLR receives its fair share of national water infrastructure investment.


Cormac
Devlin TD
Advice Clinics
Brady's of Shankill | The Igo Inn, Ballybrack
McCormack's, Mounttown | The Wishing Well, Blackrock
Arrange your appointment at
01 275 0786 or cormac@cormacdevlin.ie
FIANNA FÁIL
THE REPUBLICAN PARTY
Political Advert authorised by Cormac Devlin TD
Visit transparency.fiannafail.ie for more information

### ◆ PASSPORT REMINDERS

If you're planning to travel this summer, now is a good time to check your passport expiry dates, as many countries require at least six months' validity remaining.

Renewing online is the quickest option. First-time and children's passports take longest to process, so apply at least two months before booking travel. If you have any issues, please get in touch.

### ◆ KEEPING IN TOUCH

My **monthly Advice Clinic** takes place in **Brady's of Shankill** on the last Saturday of each month, excluding Bank Holidays.

To make an appointment, please contact **Michael Reynolds** in my office on 01 275 0786 or email ***cormac@cormacdevlin.ie***

*An Taoiseach Micheal Martin visiting Dun Laoghaire 2026*

# SCHOOL NEWS: WOODBROOK COLLEGE

## A SCHOOL OF SANCTUARY

Woodbrook College hosted its first whole school Intercultural Day on the 18th March as part of the School of Sanctuary programme. The event was led by Ms. Katie Cluskey and the School of Sanctuary student team who wanted students to celebrate their cultures, engage in fun activities, meet new friends from different year groups who share their culture and most importantly have safe, inclusive space in school. Woodbrook College has a vast diversity of people with 28 different student nationalities and 30% of students speaking a language other than English at home.

The hall was transformed with flags and students representing their country with food, dance, singing and crafts. The event coincided with Anti-Racism Day which the school community recognised by wearing something red. Guest speaker, Divine Lukeletlhake, the head girl in St. Mary's College in Arklow, delivered a powerful speech about her experiences. Staff and students from nearby primary schools attended and there were musical performances from students in Polish, Croatian and Afrikan. Our Romanian and Moldovan students danced a traditional dance where students joined in. The School of Sanctuary guest team had a tour of the school and students gave them a guided tour of the hub. The team also met with Ukrainian parents and listened to their experiences since arriving in Woodbrook College. Christina McIlveen from Bray Travellers Community Development group also had a stand with lots of interesting pieces and information.

Woodbrook College is proud
to announce
We are a Champion
School of Sanctuary!!
Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our journey. We are honoured to receive this status and pledge to continue to celebrate diversity & inclusion in our school community
Ms. Cluskey & The
Culture Club

As part of the programme during the year, Art students studied the work of refugee artist Petrit Haliliaj and 6th year Maths classes did a statistics project on refugees. Students participated in a debate and attended a talk by a School of Sanctuary Ireland (SOSI) ambassador who is a Somalian refugee. He came to the school to talk about his experiences since arriving in Ireland and his work within the School of Sanctuary programme. Our Culture Club has grown from two to twenty students during the year and Ms. Katie Cluskey and Ms. Sadhbh Murphy worked with many of these students' parents to create the Savvy Suppers recipe book, which is a collection of affordable multicultural meals.

As a result, Woodbrook College made history by having their efforts recognised and was championed as a School of Sanctuary!

# **TUAIRISC POBAIL:** Ó BARRY WARD, TD

*Tá áthas orm a bheith in ann an tuarascáil mhíosúil seo a chur i láthair daoibh. Mar bhur dTeachta Dála de chuid Fhine Gael, táim ag obair go dian i dteannta mo chomhghleacaithe i Seanchill - agus sa Rialtas - chun torthaí a bhaint amach daoibh.*

I am delighted to be able to present this monthly report to you. As your Fine Gael TD, I am working hard along with my colleagues in Shankill - and in Government - to deliver results for you.

### ◆ SHANKILL GAA

I continue to work with Shankill GAA to progress a number of issues for the club, including greater access to all-weather playing pitch facilities. With a growing population in areas like Shanganagh comes a growing need for community infrastructure and amenities.

### ◆ SHANKILL CASTLE

I am delighted to see €130,000 in funding for Shankill Castle as part of €8 million in funding nationwide, which will support 104 heritage projects across the country by facilitating archaeological improvements and improving public access.

The grant will help preserve the four ruined walls and tower Shankill Castle through capital works and essential repairs aimed at its conservation, so that future generations can enjoy an amenity that was supposedly first built in the 13th Century by Archbishop Henry De Loundres.

Sometime around 1690 a house was added to the side of the castle. John Lawless was in residence at the castle from 1480, at the behest of Archbishop John Walton. The castle remained linked with this family until 1683 when it was leased to Sir Thomas Domvile. It was to return to the Lawless family again, some thirty years later.

### ◆ SPECIAL OLYMPICS

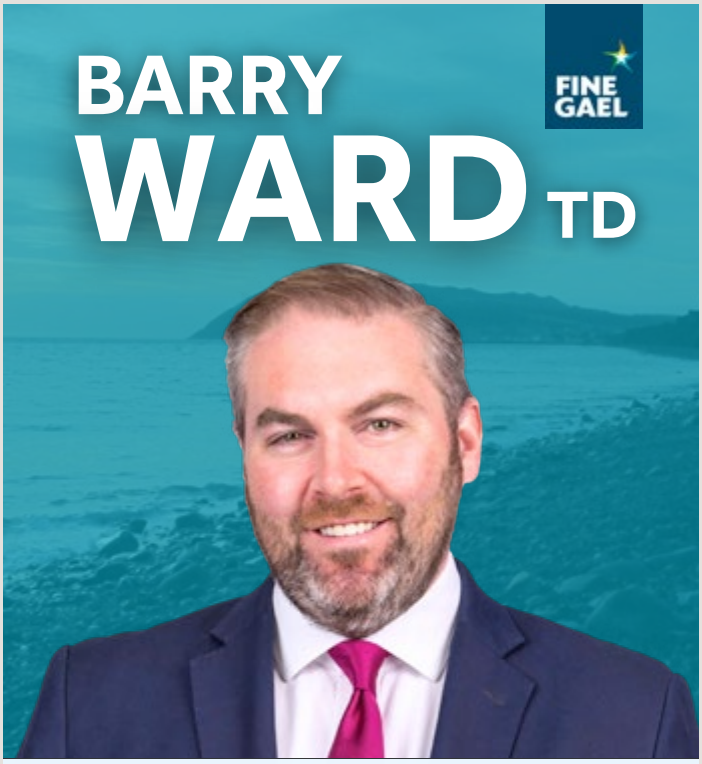
I was honoured to deputise for the Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Cllr Jim Gildea, at a reception to celebrate our Special Olympics Athletes. These athletes compete across a wide variety of sports, and their positivity and dedication is an inspiration to all of us. I know we are all looking forward to cheering them on in June.

### ◆ DRIVING TESTS

Right now, at the Dún Laoghaire test centre, the average waiting time for a driving test is at least 21 weeks. We have, I believe, one of the longest waiting lists in the entire country. There are currently more than 5,300 people waiting for tests in Dún Laoghaire.

My office hears from people, particularly young people, who are delayed in taking up new jobs, or availing of certain positions in work. People are making decisions around going to college and they factor this in. Parents are driving their adult children around because, despite their best intentions, they haven't been able to get a test in a timely fashion.

I was shocked to learn, in response to a Parliamentary Question on the matter, that a previously identified site for the new test centre "will now no longer be progressing at the proposed location in Sandyford" due to an issue with the lease. The Sandyford test centre would have significantly helped address the backlog in South Dublin.




**Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2**
T: +353 85 157 8000 E: barry.ward@oireachtas.ie
barrym_ward Barry Ward TD

I have asked the Minister to directly intervene, to commit to prioritising reducing the backlog in Dún Laoghaire and progressing a new test centre for this area.

### ◆ GET IN TOUCH WITH ME

My office is always available to assist you with any local or national issue. Please get in touch by phone at 085 157 8000 (feel free to drop us a WhatsApp message), or email *barry.ward@oireachtas.ie*.

Your local Fine Gael team: Barry Ward TD, Minister Jennifer Carroll MacNeill TD, Cllr. Jim Gildea, Cllr. Jacqueline Burke, Cllr. Frank McNamara, Regina Doherty MEP

# SCHOOL NEWS: SCOIL MHUIRE

**Mr. Quane's Class Debate**
Mr. Quane's 3rd & 4th class had an exciting school debate showcasing their public speaking skills. The motion was 'Schools should be paperless.' The opposition team won. Well done to everyone who took part.

**A surprise visitor**
We had a surprise visitor recently. Daisy arrived with our GAA Coach, Coach Steve, to visit everyone. Everyone was in great form afterwards.

**Junior Infants exploring a Dublin Bus**
Will Healy kindly brought his double-decker bus when he came to speak with Junior Infants about his career as a Dublin Bus bus driver.

Scoil Mhuire
PRIMARY SCHOOL SHANKILL
NOW ENROLLING
IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING ENROLLING YOUR CHILD, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE TO MEET OUR CURRENT INFANT TEACHERS AND VIEW OUR INFANT CLASSROOMS
Please drop into the office for an application form or download one from www.primaryschoolshankill.ie and return by post or via email to secretary@scoilmhuireshankill.ie
Induction meeting for parents and orientation day for children details to follow
TEL: 01 282 3507

# **ASK A COUNCILLOR:** CLLR. CARRIE SMYTH

### ◆ PAINTING OF ROPE BRIDGE AND SWINGS IN PLAYGROUND AT SHANGANAGH PARK

I received representations from constituents regarding the painting of the rope bridge and swings in the Playground at Shanganagh Park. I received the following update from the Parks Department in dlr: *"The district supervisor has requested a price to paint the items as requested."*

### ◆ GRASS CUTTING

I received numerous representations from concerned constituents regarding the cutting of green areas within residential developments. They were not cut by the Grass Cutting Contractors. I contacted dlr's Parks Department regarding a number of locations such as Foxes Grove and St. Anne's Park. dlr's Parks Department contacted the contractors and requested they attend to these areas straight away. I also raised the matter of the Grass Cutting Contract in general as I had received so many representations and I received the following reply:

*"Upwards of 350 areas in DLR are now being managed weekly under the Landscape Maintenance Contract (LMC). Weather permitting all areas will be cut as per contract. Please understand that all of the sites throughout the county are beginning to experience warmer, brighter and ideal growing conditions within this recent short window and every effort is being made to ramp up and cover all sites. They will all be covered as per contractual agreements.*
*NB: If there is a specific site that needs urgent attention, please forward details."*

### ◆ FOOTPATH AT ENTRANCE TO STONEBRIDGE CLOSE OFF DUBLIN ROAD, SHANKILL

I received representations from constituents regarding the condition of the footpaths at the entrance to Stonebridge Close in Shankill Village. I received the following update from the Road Maintenance Section in dlr:

*"Thank you for contacting the Roads Operations section. The local inspector has confirmed the relevant required works have been included on his works list for completion this year."*

### ◆ DISPOSAL OF THE COUNCIL'S INTEREST AT 1 SHANGANAGH AVENUE

*(Creche Facility & external wooded play area)*
At the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council meeting on the 13th of April 2026 the following was agreed unanimously:
*"That the disposal of the Council's Interest of the Creche Facility & external wooded play area at 1 Shanganagh Avenue, Dublin 18 to the Minister for Children, Disability & Equality (DCDE) be carried out with the terms of the foregoing report."*

***Note:*** If you would like to receive the full report please contact me on 0863835051 or carriesmyth@cllr.dlrcoco.ie

### ◆ KEEP CLEAR ON THE DUBLIN ROAD AT CASTLE FARM, SHANKILL

***Question:*** To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to install a "KEEP CLEAR" box on the Dublin Road at the entrance to Castle Farm, Shankill?

***Reply:*** The Traffic & Road Safety Section have plans to install a "Keep Clear" box on Dublin Road at the entrance to Castle Farm by the end of Q2 2026.

### ◆ NEW PEDESTRIAN CROSSING - SHANKILL VILLAGE NEAR QUINN'S ROAD AND CHERRINGTON

***Question:*** To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when the work will begin on the installation of a new pedestrian crossing in

Shankill Village near the junction with Cherrington Road and Quinn's Road, Shankill?

***Reply:*** The Traffic & Road Safety Section has carried out a topographical survey of the location mentioned in the question. It has been followed up with the production of a design drawing for the proposed Type B Zebra Crossing. We are now seeking to identify a possible funding stream for the installation of the crossing in 2026.

### Double Yellow Lines - Crinken Lane, Shankill

That the Chief Executive refer the following request to the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) to examine and see if the existing double yellow lines need to be extended and if deemed necessary by the TAG, consideration should be given to the difficulties of motorists entering and exiting Crinken Estate and Crinken Lane safely.

***Report:*** The motion will be added to the agenda for the next available Traffic Advisory Group meeting for discussion, and will take into account the issues mentioned pertaining to egressing and entering Crinken Estate and Crinken Lane.

### Shanganagh Park Entrance from St Anne's Park

***Question:*** To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to enhance the entrance to Shanganagh Park from St. Anne's Park so the path does not exit directly onto a road and connects with the footpath?

***Reply:*** This area will be reviewed to take account of existing layout and services in the area, with a view to facilitating a connection to the existing adjoining pedestrian path. While there is currently no budget available for this work, we will look to include it in a future works programme when funding becomes available.

GARDENING AND LANDSCAPING SERVICES

# LAUDERDALE

## OUR SERVICES

- ✓ Made to order customised wooden fencing and gates
- ✓ Lay and install low maintenance artificial grass
- ✓ Planting shrubs/hedges/hanging baskets/pots
- ✓ Garden clear ups/maintenance contracts available/monthly payment plan
- ✓ Lay and install patios
- ✓ Lay instant roll out lawns

**Free quotation without any obligation.**

**Contact Kenneth at 087 6100703**

# WASHING MACHINE CO.

## WMC - EUROSPARES

WASHING MACHINES • TUMBLE DRYERS • COOKERS
DISHWASHERS • VACUUM CLEANERS • FRIDGES • FREEZERS

Electrolux ★ TRICITY BENDIX ★ ZANUSSI ★ Servis ★ HOOVER
BOSCH ★ Hotpoint ★ Whirlpool ★ ARISTON ★ POWERPOINT
Creda ★ THOR ★ smeg ★ Miele ★ NILFISK ★ AEG
belling ★ Candy ★ INDESIT ★ Dyson ★ BEKO ★ SIEMENS
SAMSUNG ★ PARKINSON COWAN ★ LG ★ NEFF ★ NORDMENDE ★ CANNON

**457 2333**

e-mail > euro@wmc.ie • web > www.wmc.ie

SHANKILL • BRAY • LOUGHLINSTOWN • RATHMICHAEL • KILLINEY

REPAIRS ⁘ SALES ⁘ SPARE PARTS

NO CALLOUT CHARGE ON REPAIRED APPLIANCES

# **ASK A COUNCILLOR:** CLLR. JIM GILDEA

### ◆ COLLECTION OF SMALL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT SHANGANAGH RECYCLING CENTRE

***Question:*** To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if discussions have taken place with the new operator of Shanganagh Recycling Centre and if it would be possible to facilitate the collection of small electrical and electronic waste equipment, e.g. kettles, toasters radios etc., at the recycle centre at Shanganagh Park, Shankill?

***Reply:*** Previously, WEEE Ireland and Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown County Council carried out a pilot project for collecting WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) for recycling at Shanganagh Recycling Centre. WEEE has a certain scrap value and the presence of WEEE on site led to a number of break ins. Unfortunately, despite everyone's best efforts, this trial was not feasible and had to be abandoned after a short period of time. However, there are several other options available within the County for recycling WEEE. WEEE can be recycled free of charge at Ballyogan Recycling Park. It can be brought back to an electrical retailer under the free WEEE take-back scheme. There are a number of these retailers throughout the County, and they can be found on the WEEE Ireland website. There are also community based social enterprises such as Recycle IT specializing in WEEE recycling who will take any electrical item for recycling free of charge. Therefore, there are no plans to facilitate the collection of small electrical and electronic waste equipment at Shanganagh Recycling Centre.

### ◆ EAST COAST TRAIL BRAY TO SHANKILL

***Question:*** To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the provision of the section of the East Coast Trail from Bray to Shankill? Considering there has been a substantial increase in the population in the area lately and the recent further increase proposed as a result to the variation of the county council development plan and old Connaught LAP.

***Reply:*** The East Coast Trail is not on the current Active Travel Programme. It can be considered for future calls for funding.

### ◆ SHANGANAGH CASTLE BUILDINGS

***Motion:*** That the Chief Executive provides a progress report on the future of the castle building, the dormitory wing, and the gym building at Shanganagh Castle. and to state when we can expect to see the buildings being brought into use.
Report: The Council is pursuing funding at every opportunity. An application for support under the HSF (Historic Structures Fund) was submitted. The Executive has been informed that the application was not successful. It would intend to review and reply for the next open opportunity for grant funding.

Separately, the Architects Dept are preparing an application under the Towns and Cities Regeneration Investment Fund that would support the preparation of an Integrated Urban Strategy for Shanganagh Castle buildings. This would help when applying for future Town and Cities funding calls. The submission date is 1st May 2026. A number of visits for prospective interest in the buildings have been facilitated by Property Management in the last three months.

Due to the size and scale of the buildings, as well as their condition and the subsequent funding required to bring them back into an operable state, this process will realistically take considerable time. The Council would have to be mindful of any single development proposal that might address one of the buildings and open space that would potentially be detrimental to unlocking interest in the remaining buildings and lands. Therefore, a co-ordinated inter-departmental approach to any interest is required. In the meantime, the Council continues to maintain and secure the site for future development.

Councillor
JIM GILDEA
086 8131456
jgildea@cllr.dlrcoco.ie
Cllr Jim Gildea
@jimgildea2014
Working with your Fine Gael team in Shankill: Min. Jennifer Carroll-MacNeill TD, Barry Ward TD, Cllr Frank McNamara, Cllr. Jacqueline Burke, and Regina Doherty MEP
FINE GAEL

### ◆ COASTAL DEFENCE STRATEGY REVIEW

***Question:*** To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when the Coastal Defence Strategy Review will be published?
Reply: The Coastal Defence Strategy will be presented to the Elected Members in the coming weeks. Once this has been presented, the environmental aspects of the review will be finalised and then published subsequently, estimated to be early to mid-May 2026.

### ◆ NEW FIRE STATION AT CHERRYWOOD

I am a member of the Inter-Local Authority Special Committee on Fire & Ambulance Services and Emergency Management. At our meeting in May the DBF Chief Fire Officer confirmed that two possible sites for a new Fire Station have been identified for Cherrywood. DBF are liaison with DLR Co Co on the matter. The next stage involves the preparation of architect's sketch drawings to assist with site valuation and acquisition. It is expected that final site selection will be confirmed in the quarter. I have been campaigning for this service for a very long time.

# POETRY CORNER

## TAKE A POEM

*by James Carter*

Why not take a poem
wherever you go?
pop it in your pocket
nobody will know

Take it in to your classroom
stick it on the wall
tell them all about it
read it in the hall

Take it to the bathroom
tuck it up in bed
take the time to learn it
keep it in your head

take it for a day trip
take it on a train
fold it as a hat
when it starts to rain

Take it on a river
fold it as a boat
pop it in the water
hope that it will float

Take it to a hilltop
fold it as a plane
throw it up skywards
time and time again

Take it to a post box
send it anywhere
out into the world with
tender
loving
care

## THE SECRET SONG

*by Margaret Wise Brown*

Who saw the petals
Drop from the rose?
I, said the spider,
But nobody knows.

Who saw the sunset
flash on a bird?
I, said the fish,
But nobody heard.

Who saw the fog
come over the sea?
I, said the sea pigeon,
Only me.

Who saw the first
green light of the sun?
I, said the night owl,
The only one.

Who saw the moss
creep over the stone?
I, said the grey fox,
All alone.

# SHANKILL SENIORS CENTRE

## A BLOOMING JUNE AT SHANKILL SENIORS CENTRE

It has been a wonderfully busy and cheerful month at Shankill Seniors Centre, with members enjoying the brighter days and getting involved in a wide range of activities both indoors and outdoors.

One of the highlights of the month has been the fantastic work taking place in our garden area. Members have been busy planting and tending to our new vegetable trugs, filling them with flowers, herbs and fresh produce that will be used by the kitchen in meals for both the day centre and our Meals on Wheels service. There has been great pride and enjoyment in watching everything begin to grow, and it has become a lovely daily activity for many of our members.

The centre is also full of excitement as we begin our very own sunflower growing competition. Members have planted sunflower seeds and are now carefully looking after them to see whose sunflower will grow the tallest and fastest over the coming weeks. There has already been plenty of friendly competition and laughter, with everyone eager to compare progress and share gardening tips.

Another wonderful occasion this month was attending the 25th Anniversary celebration of the Older People's Council at the Royal Marine Hotel. Our members had a fantastic evening meeting representatives from other older people's groups and enjoying a lovely social gathering together. There was delicious food, great company and wonderful live music throughout the evening, along with plenty of opportunities for members to show off their dancing skills on the dance floor. It was a joyful celebration and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended.

The atmosphere in the day centre continues to be happy, welcoming and full of energy each day. Whether members are joining in activities, enjoying a chat over tea, taking part in exercise sessions or simply spending time together, there is always a great sense of friendship and community throughout the centre.

We are always delighted to welcome new members and volunteers to Shankill Seniors Centre. Whether you would like to spend the day in the centre, volunteer as a Meals on Wheels driver, or share a hobby, skill or activity with our members, we would love to hear from you. Please contact us on 01-2826364 or email shankilldcc@gmail.com. We would be very happy to welcome you to the centre.

The continued support and involvement from the local community helps make the centre such a warm and vibrant place for older members of our community to enjoy.

# PLANNING NOTICES *compiled by Cllr. Jim Gildea*

*We are aware that some of the notices about planning applications and decisions are out of date by the time you receive your SCAN but we believe our readers would like to know what is going on in their area. We would like to remind you to keep a look out for new planning notices and, if you need further information, go to the Planning Office in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Hall, Marine Road and request to see the plans.*

*D26A/0288/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 15/04/2026*
**Duobuild Ltd., 2 Bray Road, Loughlinstown, D18 AC93**
Permission for demolition of a two storey derelict house including rear/ side extensions, stone walls, other derelict structures, trees and vegetation. Construction of three terraced three storey 198.3 m2 dwelling houses each with four bedrooms and rear terraces and balconies. Associated ancillary and site work including a footpath and 6 parking spaces to the front of the houses along Bray Road, side passageway with gate and drainage connections.

*D26B/0245/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 23/04/2026*
**Paul Loughrey, Auburn, 18 Holly Park, Shankill, D18DH51**
Permission for attic conversion with dormer to rear roof to accommodate stairs to allow access to attic conversion as non habitable storage space with gable window to side and roof windows to front all with associated ancillary works.

*PAC/LRD2/002/26 Pre-Planning LRD2 Application Date: 02/03/2026*
**Castlethorn Old Conna ULC, Lands to the north of Old Connaught Avenue, Old Connaught, Co Dublin**
The proposed development consists 272 X residential units in a mix of houses and duplex / apartment units comprising of 104 X 2 to 3 storey houses (23 X 4-bedroom, 68 X 3-bedroom, and 13 X 2-bedroom houses), 117 X 2-bedroom apartments and 45 X 1-bedroom apartment units, 6 X 3-bedroom duplex units, creche (c. 592.6 sqm) at ground floor of apartment block 3, and all associated and ancillary site development and infrastructural works, hard and soft landscaping and boundary treatment works, including public open space; communal open space; regional attenuation pond; public lighting; surface car parking spaces; bicycle parking spaces/stores for houses and duplex / apartment units; 4 X ESB Substation; bin stores; the proposed development is accessed from proposed primary north-south street into the Central Character Area Lands-East. The proposed development will also comprise a new pumping station and storage as required and all associated and ancillary site development and reinstatement.

*D26B/0264/WEB Seeking Permission/Retention Date: 29/04/2026*
**Florin Strimbu, Florence Villa, Commons Road, Co. D18HH1F**
The development consists of: Retention permission is sought for the construction of an ancillary single-storey office/storage structure (c.34.65sq.m) with associated rooflight located to the rear of Florence Villa. Planning Permission is sought for the provision of temporary flood gates and all ancillary site works, inclusive of landscaping, and engineering works necessary to facilitate the development.

**PLANNING DECISIONS**

*D25B/0181/WEB Grant Permission Date: 13/04/2026*
**Gordon & Georgina McWilliams, 28, St. Annes Park, Shankill, D18AE20**
The development to end of terrace two storey house consists of the following : (a) Ground floor extension to front (b) ground and first floor extensions to side and rear (c) attic window to rear (d) sunroom extension to side of house (e) demolition of side garden wall and all associated site works.

*D26A/0170/WEB Request Additional Information Date: 27/04/2026*
**Paul & Anne Harold, 13, Shrewsbury Hall, Shankill, D18E1C7**
The development consists of: 1) Single story 39m² extension to side and front for independent living unit; 2) New 3.1m² entrance porch to front; 3) All associated site development works, drainage, and, SuDS measures to facilitate the development.

*D26B/0126/WEB Grant Permission For Retention Date: 29/04/2026*
**Jon Garaba & Diane McCabe, 2 Eaton Wood Avenue, Shankill, D18PC42**
Retention permission for canopy and garden shed to rear of house.

**APPEALS NOTIFIED BY AN COIMISIÚN PLEANÁLA**

*D26A/0036/WEB 1st Party Appeal against Refusal Date Lodged: 15/04/2026*
Council Decision: Refuse permission
**Forgebell Limited, Clontra House, Quinn's Road, Shankill, D18Y9H3 (A Protected Structure)**
(1) Change of use of Clontra House into a combined family hub to facilitate a short-term emergency accommodation development for homeless families and individuals; (2) All associated ancillary development works & a playground. Clontra House is a protected structure (RPS Reference 1811).

*D25A/0333/WEB 1st Party Appeal against Refusal Appeal Lodged: 27/04/2026*
Council Decision: Refuse permission
**Kilternan Cemetery Park Limited, Ballycorus Road, Kilternan, Dublin 18**
**For development on a site at Ballycorus Road, Kilternan, Dublin 18**
The proposed development is an amendment to the development permitted under D21A/0502, which relates to an extension to Kilternan Cemetery Park. The proposed amendments relate to the southern portion of the permitted extension to Kilternan Cemetery Park and consist of the following:
• Provision of a Place of Worship building with a gross floor area (GFA) of c. 900 sq.m, including worship space, multifunction area, reflection pool, courtyard, family rooms and associated facilities;
• Landscaping, including infilling and regrading works for the Place of Worship building, new planting to supplement existing trees and hedgerows on the site, soft and hard landscaping and boundary treatments;
• Associated amendments to permitted parking, burial plots and related infrastructure to facilitate the siting of the new Place of Worship building;
• All other associated site development works.

**NO APPEALS DECISION BY AN COIMISIÚN PLEANÁLA**

TOR Curtain Services Ltd.

For all your curtain and blind requirements

tony@torcurtainservices.ie
(086) 173 2280

10% discount for all SCAN readers!

- Curtain poles, tracks and accessories supplied and fitted
- Roller blinds
- Wood blinds
- Vertical blinds
- Pleated
- Roman
- Perfect-fit
- Blackout and Bloc Out

Full interior design service in conjunction with our trusted trade partners can be arranged on request

Specialty in motorisation

torcurtainservices.ie



Gas Pro Heating Ltd

REGISTERED RGI GAS INSTALLER

Specialising in all aspects of Heating and Plumbing to include:

- Registered SEAI contractors
- Complete full Heating systems
- Oil to Gas conversions
- Gas / Oil / Electric boilers
- Combi boiler conversions
- Heatpumps and Underfloor heating
- Smart Heating controls
- Designer radiators
- Hot water cylinders
- Pumps
- Complete bathroom refurbishments
- Boiler installation experts

VIESSMANN

Ph Keith : 0857063027

K. O Brien Heating & plumbing

For a positive professional friendly service contact us today with your requirements or visit our website for more info :

www.gaspro.ie



CHURCHES ESTATE AGENTS

Thinking of selling?

Call 01 559 5005

No Advertising Fees
Expert Knowledge
No Sale - No Charge
Personal Service

Complimentary written valuations for any purpose including for Probate & Fair Deal

Churches Estate Agents, 1 St. Mary's Tce, Coliemore Rd, Dalkey.

PSRA Licence No. 002979



DW Roofing

CALL NOW FOR FREE ESTIMATES

***Time for a new roof?*** Call us today for *FAST* and *EFFICIENT* roofing service, specializing in:

- Flat roofs
- Copper work and lead
- New build & existing
- All repairs & storm damage
- Insurance work Specialists
- Liquid Silicone Roofing
- Fibre glass roofing
- Accredited installers for Thrutone slates

*WE are fully insured and Registered. Beware of Companies who are not.*

*Project in Shankill: New Roof covering of Shankill old folks home.*

*Member of Tegral Ireland Raising the standards in Roofing in Ireland.*
*Full public and employers liability.*

m: **085 7704217**
t: **01 4427736**

VELUX

Tegral THRUTONE

DJHANLEY
WASTE COLLECTION & SKIP HIRE

# WASTE COLLECTION & SKIP HIRE

- serving **SHANKILL** and surrounding areas.
- all sizes of skips available
- call us on 01-2810416 or freephone 1800 30 31 69 to order your skip today
- follow us on Facebook DJ Hanleys waste collection & skip hire
- information about our services and competitive prices **https://djhanleyswaste.ie/**

**01 281 0416**